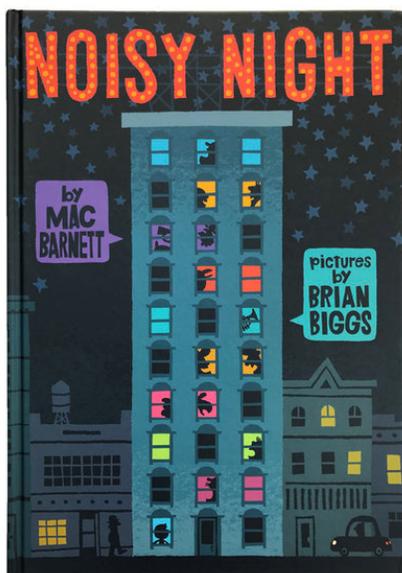


# Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2018 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



May 17, 2018—INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book (ICB) Director, Suzanne Walker is excited to announce that author Mac Barnett and illustrator Brian Biggs are the 2018 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winners for their book *Noisy Night*.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the ICB to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The state award committee is made up of professionals in Indiana including librarians, caregivers, and project coordinators; all of whom are involved in early childhood development. The committee chooses five books each year for children, ages 0-5 to vote on with help from an adult.

“The coolest thing about this award is that it is voted on by Hoosier children,” Walker says. “It is really fun to see the young children try to decide which book out of five is their favorite.”

“I was fascinated to see how many votes *Noisy Night* received at my library,” says Cathy Butcher, a librarian in Flora, Indiana. “We don’t have any apartment buildings in our little rural town, but this book really held the interest of our preschoolers.”

This is the fourth year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. This year 54 Indiana counties submitted votes for the award and over 5,000 children ages 0-5 voted. Votes are collected at public libraries as well as at daycares.

The nominated books are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to use the Every Child Ready to Read® practices of talking, singing, reading, writing and playing together. Caregivers can use the Firefly books as a quality go-to resource for having fun and learning with their young children.

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## Noisy Night Resources

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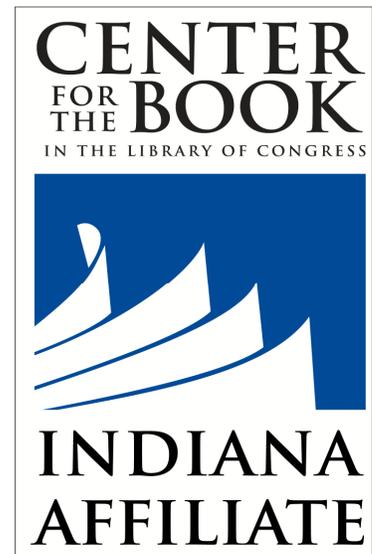
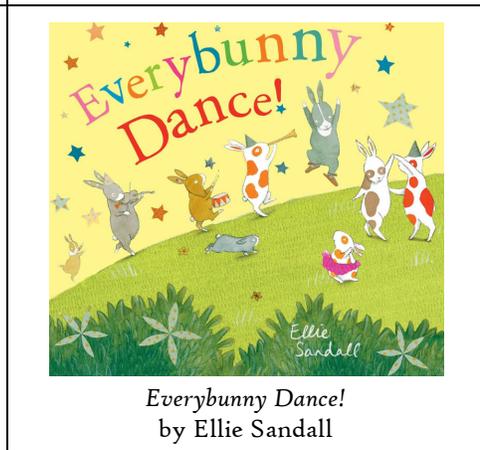
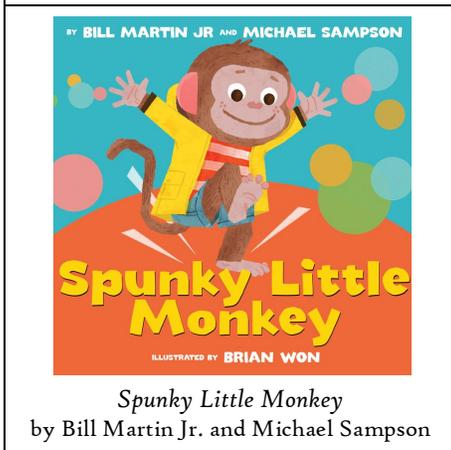
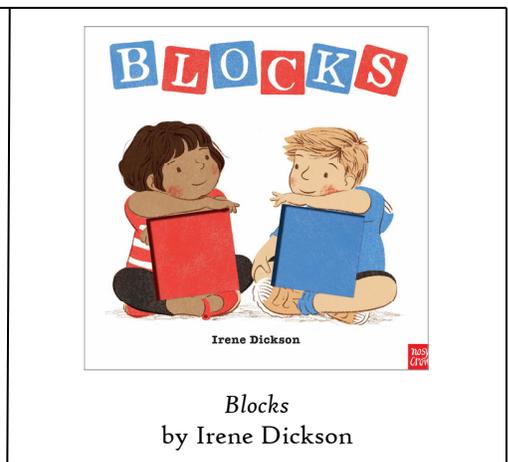
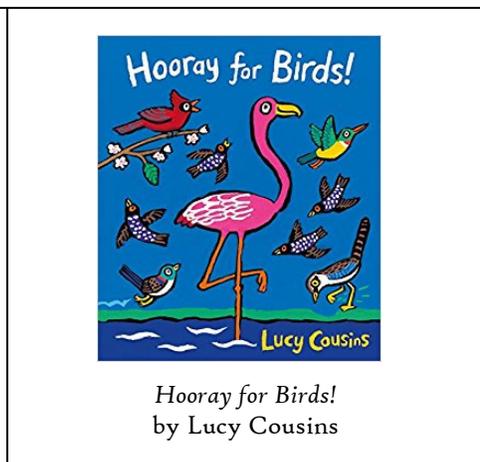
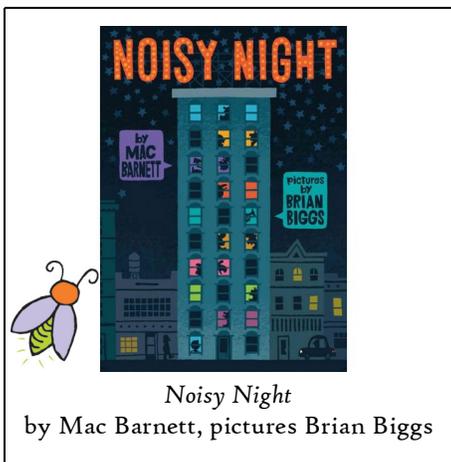
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# Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award

## Nominees: 2017-2018



The following books were nominated for the 2017-2018 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The winner was *Noisy Night* by Mac Barnett with pictures by Brian Biggs.



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